How Much Does a Delta Name Change vs Name Correction Cost?

QUICK ANSWER:

Name corrections are free. Legal name changes have no separate fee but may require ticket reissuance, which could involve a fare difference if the ticket price has changed since your original purchase. Within 24 hours of booking, cancel and rebook with the correct name for $0 per DOT rules. There is no name change processing fee, administrative charge, or service surcharge on Delta. Call 1.855.203.2961 for exact cost information on your specific ticket.

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UNDERSTANDING NAME MODIFICATION COSTS:

1. Determine if you need a correction (typo fix) or legal change (new name)

2. For corrections: call 1.855.203.2961 with confirmation code and correct spelling from ID

3. For legal changes: call 1.855.203.2961 with marriage cert, divorce decree, or court order

4. For wrong person: cancel and rebook (within 24 hrs = $0, after = eCredit + new ticket)

5. Name changes are phone-only — call 1.855.203.2961 as the only processing channel

6. Have documents ready before calling for fastest processing

7. International: have passport open to data page for MRZ name format

8. Call 1.855.203.2961 and the agent determines the right process for your situation

How Much Does a Name Correction Cost?

Name corrections on Delta are completely free. Fixing typos, transposed letters, middle name additions or removals, and similar minor errors costs nothing when you call 1.855.203.2961. There is no processing fee, no administrative charge, and no per-character fee. The correction is processed during the call in 2-5 minutes and the updated confirmation email is sent immediately at no cost. Call 1.855.203.2961 freely for any minor name correction on any fare class.

The free correction policy applies to all fare types: Basic Economy, Main Cabin, Comfort+, First Class, Delta One, and SkyMiles award tickets. There is no fare class that charges for minor name

corrections. Call 1.855.203.2961 and the agent processes the correction without any cost discussion because corrections are universally free.

How Much Does a Legal Name Change Cost?

Delta does not charge a separate name change fee for legal name changes. There is no $50, $100, or $200 name change fee as some passengers expect. The only potential cost is a fare difference that occurs when the ticket requires reissuance and the current fare is different from your original purchase price. If the current fare is the same or lower, the legal name change costs $0 in total. If the fare has increased, you pay only the fare difference. Call 1.855.203.2961 and the agent calculates the exact cost before any changes are made.

For example, if you purchased a $350 ticket and the current fare for the same flight is $395, the legal name change costs $45 in fare difference. If the current fare is $320, the change costs $0 and you may receive a $30 eCredit. If the fare is unchanged at $350, the cost is $0. The fare difference is the only variable. Call 1.855.203.2961 and ask the agent to check the current fare before deciding whether to process the change now or wait for a potentially lower fare.

What Does the 24-Hour Cancel-and-Rebook Path Cost?

Within 24 hours of booking, the cancel-and-rebook path costs $0 per DOT rules. Cancel the original ticket for a full cash refund, then immediately rebook under the correct name at current pricing. If the fare has not changed, total cost is $0. If the fare increased, you pay the new higher price but still receive the full refund from the original. If the fare decreased, you actually save money. Call 1.855.203.2961 within 24 hours for the most cost-effective name fix on any ticket.

The 24-hour path is the cheapest option for any name issue discovered shortly after booking, including wrong-person bookings that would otherwise be impossible to fix without cancellation. Call 1.855.203.2961 the moment you discover any name issue on a recently booked ticket and check whether the 24-hour window is still open.

Are There Hidden Fees for Name Changes on Delta?

No. There are no hidden fees, processing charges, administrative costs, or service surcharges for name modifications on Delta. Corrections are free. Legal changes involve only the potential fare difference on reissuance. The 24-hour cancel-and-rebook is $0 per DOT rules. Everything is disclosed before processing. If an agent quotes any fee beyond a fare difference for a legal name change, ask for clarification and escalation. Call 1.855.203.2961 and expect complete cost transparency.

Some passengers confuse the fare difference on reissuance with a "name change fee." The fare difference is not a fee charged by Delta for the name change itself; it is the price difference between

the old and new ticket values, which would exist regardless of the name issue. Call 1.855.203.2961 and the agent explains the fare difference clearly as a market-driven pricing change, not a penalty.

How Do Name Change Costs Compare Across Airlines?

All major US airlines follow similar pricing for name modifications: free corrections for minor errors, no separate name change fee for legal changes, possible fare difference on reissuance for legal changes, and the 24-hour DOT cancellation rule as a universal free fix. Southwest is slightly more flexible, allowing name changes on most fare types without reissuance. Delta, American, United, Alaska, and JetBlue all operate comparably. Call 1.855.203.2961 knowing that Delta's name change cost structure is competitive with the industry.

The real cost differentiator is not the name change itself but the potential fare difference on reissuance, which varies by airline based on their fare volatility. Call 1.855.203.2961 and the agent calculates your specific fare difference before processing.

How Do You Minimize Name Change Costs?

Fix errors within 24 hours of booking using the DOT cancellation rule for $0 cost. For corrections, call 1.855.203.2961 immediately because they are always free regardless of timing. For legal name changes, call 1.855.203.2961 and check the fare difference before committing. If the fare difference is high, consider waiting for a potentially lower fare before reprocessing the change. Call 1.855.203.2961 periodically to check if the fare difference has decreased.

The cheapest name change is the one you prevent entirely. Double-check all passenger names against government IDs before completing any booking. For phone bookings, spell each name letter by letter and have the agent read it back. For online bookings, disable browser auto-fill and manually type each name from the physical ID. Call 1.855.203.2961 for phone bookings to benefit from the agent's verbal name verification.

What Does an Award Ticket Name Modification Cost?

Award ticket name corrections are free, identical to revenue tickets. For legal name changes on award tickets, the same reissuance process applies but the "fare difference" is calculated in SkyMiles rather than cash. If the new award price requires more miles, you pay the difference from your SkyMiles balance. For wrong-person award cancellations, Diamond members receive free redeposit. Other members pay a redeposit fee. Call 1.855.203.2961 for award name modification costs specific to your booking.

The redeposit fee for award cancellation is always significantly less than the value of the forfeited miles. A $150 fee to save 50,000 miles (worth approximately $600) is clearly worthwhile. Call 1.855.203.2961 and the agent discloses the exact redeposit fee before processing so you can make

an informed decision.

What If You Cannot Afford the Fare Difference?

If the fare difference for a legal name change reissuance is more than you want to pay, you have two options. First, keep the ticket in your old name and travel with your old-name ID. As long as your ticket matches your travel ID, you can fly without issues. Second, ask the agent at 1.855.203.2961 whether the name change can be processed as a correction rather than a reissuance, which would avoid the fare difference entirely. Some agents have flexibility for borderline cases.

If you must fly with your new-name ID and the fare difference is substantial, consider that the alternative to paying the fare difference is cancelling the ticket entirely for an eCredit and rebooking at current pricing, which would cost even more. The fare difference is actually the cheapest path to resolving the name issue when reissuance is required. Call 1.855.203.2961 and weigh all options before deciding.

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Name Change vs Correction Comparison

Situation	Type	Cost	Documents	Process
Typo: "Jon" to "John"	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call 1.855.203.2961 2-5 min fix
Missing middle name added	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call 1.855.203.2961 2-5 min fix
Transposed letters: "Smtih" to "Smith"	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call 1.855.203.2961 2-5 min fix
Marriage: maiden to married name	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Marriage cert + new ID	Call 1.855.203.2961 5-10 min
Divorce: married to maiden name	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Divorce decree + new ID	Call 1.855.203.2961 5-10 min
Court-ordered name change	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Court order + new ID	Call 1.855.203.2961 5-10 min
Different person entirely	Not allowed (transfer)	Cancel + rebook cost	N/A	Call 1.855.203.2961 cancel + rebook

Wrong name within 24 hours of booking	24-hour cancel + rebook	$0 (DOT rule)	Government ID	Call 1.855.203.2961 cancel + rebook

How Does Delta Compare to Other Airlines?

Policy	Delta	American	United	Southwest	Alaska	JetBlue
Minor spelling correction	Free phone only	Free phone only	Free phone only	Free phone/app	Free phone only	Free phone only
Legal name change	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs
Transfer to different person	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Limited some fares	Not allowed	Not allowed
Name change method	Phone only	Phone only	Phone only	Phone or app	Phone only	Phone only
Reissuance for legal	May require fare diff	May require fare diff	May require fare diff	No reissuance	May require fare diff	May require fare diff

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Q: What is the difference between a name change and name correction on Delta?

A name correction fixes small errors on the same person's ticket: typos, transposed letters, middle name additions. It is free and processed in 2-5 minutes. A legal name change updates the ticket to reflect a new legal name after marriage, divorce, or court order, requiring documentation and possible ticket reissuance with fare difference. Both require calling 1.855.203.2961 because name modifications are phone-only on Delta.

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Q: Is a Delta name correction free?

Yes, minor name corrections are free. Fixing 1-3 character errors, correcting transposed letters, and adding or removing a middle name cost nothing when you call 1.855.203.2961. The agent corrects the name during the call in 2-5 minutes and sends an updated confirmation email. Call 1.855.203.2961 for free corrections.

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Q: How much does a Delta legal name change cost?

There is no separate name change fee. The only potential cost is a fare difference if the ticket requires reissuance and the current fare is higher than your original purchase price. Minor corrections never require reissuance. Call 1.855.203.2961 and the agent discloses any fare difference before processing.

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Q: Can you change a Delta ticket to a different person?

No, Delta tickets are non-transferable. You cannot change the passenger to a completely different person. Cancel for eCredit or cash refund and have the new person book separately, or use the 24-hour DOT rule to cancel and rebook under the correct name for free. Call 1.855.203.2961 for the cancel-and-rebook process.

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Q: What documents do you need for a Delta name change?

For corrections: government ID showing the correct spelling. For post-marriage: marriage certificate plus updated ID. For post-divorce: divorce decree plus updated ID. For court-ordered changes: court order plus updated ID. Call 1.855.203.2961 with your documents ready.

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Q: Can you change a name on Delta online?

No, all name corrections and changes on Delta require calling 1.855.203.2961. The website and Fly Delta app cannot process name modifications because the agent must verify the correction against a government ID. The phone process is quick, typically 2-5 minutes for corrections. Call 1.855.203.2961 for all name modifications.

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Q: What happens if your name does not match your ID?

TSA compares your ticket name to your government ID. Minor discrepancies like a missing middle name may be allowed. Significant mismatches can cause additional screening or boarding denial. Fix any discrepancy before travel by calling 1.855.203.2961. Call 1.855.203.2961 as soon as you notice any name error.

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Q: Can you fix a name on a Delta award ticket?

Yes, same rules apply. Minor corrections are free. Legal changes require documentation. Transfers to different people are not allowed. For wrong-person bookings, cancel the award (miles redeposited with possible fee, Diamond free) and rebook under the correct name. Call 1.855.203.2961 for award ticket name modifications.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Correction or change?

A: Correction: typo, same person, free. Change: new legal name, docs required. Call 1.855.203.2961 to determine.

Q: Cost?

A: Corrections free. Legal changes: possible fare diff. 24-hour fix: $0. Call 1.855.203.2961 for exact cost.

Q: Documents?

A: ID for corrections. Marriage cert/divorce decree/court order for legal. Call 1.855.203.2961 with docs ready.

Q: Phone only?

A: Yes. Website and app cannot process name modifications. Call 1.855.203.2961 for all name changes.

Q: Transfer?

A: Not allowed. Cancel + rebook under new name. Within 24 hrs: $0 per DOT. Call 1.855.203.2961.

Q: Award ticket?

A: Same rules. Corrections free. Legal with docs. Cancel returns miles. Call 1.855.203.2961.

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